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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Dr. Norbert T. "Doc" Patterson, who passed away on October 3, 2014; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Norbert Patterson was born on July 1, 1933 in Chicago; his parents were James and Sarah Ann (nee Cully) Patterson; he married Lucille Chick on September 8, 1956 in Chicago; he and his wife moved to Harvard in 1958, where he started his optometric career; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Norbert Patterson served his country as a member of the Army National Guard of Illinois from 1957 until his honorable discharge in 1963; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Norbert Patterson graduated from the University of Illinois and the Illinois College of Optometry; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Norbert Patterson was a highly respected optometrist in Harvard for 55 years; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Norbert Patterson was a member of the Illinois Optometric Association and the American Optometric Association; he was also a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in

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1 Harvard for 56 years, where he served on the church council and
2 sang in the Senior Choir; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Norbert Patterson was a past president of the
4 Harvard Rotary Club, where he proudly raised funds for student
5 scholarships and had 54-plus years of perfect attendance in the
6 Rotary; he was one of the original founders of the Harvard
7 Swimming Pool, serving as President of the Board Association;
8 he was a past chairman of the Harvard Milk Days, serving as the
9 Milk Day Queen Chairman for over 25 years; he was also one of
10 the founders of the Harvard Snow Gophers Snowmobile Club,
11 enjoying trips north with the club members, and was a member of
12 the Harvard Moose Lodge; and

13 WHEREAS, Dr. Norbert Patterson enjoyed boating, swimming,
14 snowmobiling, and entertaining his family and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Norbert Patterson was preceded in death by his
16 beloved wife, Lucille; his parents; a brother, Melville; 2
17 brothers-in-law, Orville Pagles and James Hobbs; 2
18 sisters-in-law, Shirley Patterson and Dolores Cotter; and a
19 great-nephew, Tyler Pagles; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Norbert Patterson is survived by a sister,
21 Dolores Pagles Hobbs; a twin brother, Dr. Norman S. Patterson;
22 a sister-in-law, Charlene Patterson; a brother-in-law, Jack

1 Cotter; and many cousins in Northern Ireland; he was also a
2 loving uncle to many nieces and nephews, Pamela (Kelly) Camp,
3 David Camp, Brian (Jennifer) Camp, James (Linda) Pagles,
4 Jonathan (Lillie) and Joshua Pagles, Cindy (Tim) Douglas,
5 Jeffrey Patterson, Steven (Tina) Patterson, Donna Mirabelli,
6 Scott Patterson, Todd (Stephanie) Patterson, Jay (Whitney)
7 Patterson, Lynn (Jeff) Schabel, James (Anne) Patterson, Susan
8 (Lou) Cotter-Lipschultz, Jeannie (Jim) Cotter-Sencion, and
9 Joseph (Belinda) Cotter; therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
11 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
12 family and friends, mourn the passing of Dr. Norbert T. "Doc"
13 Patterson; and be it further

14 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
15 presented to the family of Dr. Norbert Patterson as an
16 expression of our sympathy.